

What is a mobile food establishment?

In Davis County, mobile food establishments are classified as either food trucks or food carts. A food truck is a fully encased food service establishment that can be transported and is constructed to allow food service operations to be conducted while standing within the frame of the vehicle or trailer. A food cart is a non-motorized food service establishment that can be transported; however, it is constructed so that food service operations are performed by food employees standing outside of the frame of the cart, or from inside a non-fully encased structure.

I have a permit to operate as a food truck in another county, do I need another permit to operate in Davis County?

Yes. However, you will not be required to go through an additional plan review process as long as you provide proof that you have a Primary Food Truck Permit in another county. You still must submit a completed [Mobile Food Establishment Application](#) and pay applicable fees to obtain a permit. You will then be issued a Secondary Food Truck Permit to operate in Davis County. Any Secondary Food Truck Permit issued will have the same expiration date as the Primary Food Truck Permit.

What is the difference between a Primary and a Secondary Food Truck permit?

A food truck operator must obtain a Primary Food Truck Permit from the local health department that has jurisdiction where the food truck conducts the majority of its business. The purpose of the Primary Food Truck Permit is to designate which health department will be responsible to conduct the plan review, approve the food truck to operate, approve and maintain the commissary agreement, and provide the majority of the food truck regulatory oversight.

A Secondary Food Truck Permit is issued when a food truck desires to operate in a jurisdiction other than where it obtained its Primary Food Truck Permit. The issuing jurisdiction of a Secondary Food Truck will have a lesser role in the regulatory oversight of the food truck.

I want to start a mobile food establishment, how do I get started?

If planning to operate a mobile food establishment primarily in Davis County, plans and applicable fees must be submitted to the health department. These plans must comply with the [Mobile Food Establishment Requirements](#) and include equipment specification sheets, plumbing and mechanical schedules, dimensional floor plans ($\frac{1}{4}$ " = 1 foot scale), and finish schedule. As part of the application, a complete menu, [route or event schedule](#), and [Commissary Agreement](#) are required to be submitted. An updated Commissary Agreement must be submitted to the health department any time changes occur and each year when renewing a permit.

If purchasing an existing mobile food establishment, the unit may be brought into the health department and have its structure and capability assessed in lieu of submitting plans on paper.

Where can mobile food establishments operate?

Food trucks are allowed to operate in specific locations or make several stops daily along a route submitted to the health department. Food carts are permitted to operate at a single location. Permitted food trucks and carts are both allowed to operate at any event within the county without obtaining a Temporary Food Establishment Permit. However, the Health Department must be notified at least 72 hours prior to serving food at an event or making changes to their route.

How do I notify the health department where I plan to operate?

A route or schedule should be submitted to the health department along with your initial permit application. However, as events come up or changes to your route are desired, notify the Environmental Health Services Division by phone at 801-525-5128 during regular business hours or email Jeff Kolmel at jkolmel@co.davis.ut.us. If the operating schedule is maintained on social media, reference all relevant social media websites on the application.

What is a commissary?

A commissary is a food service establishment, permitted by a local health department, that is equipped to allow a mobile food establishment operator to perform necessary operations including, but not limited to: food preparation; food and equipment storage; cold holding; disposal of solid and liquid wastes; washing and sanitizing of equipment and utensils; refilling of water tanks; and connecting to electrical power.

Food trucks that do the majority of their business in Davis County (Primary Food Truck Permit holders) and food carts must have a commissary located either within Davis County or in a directly adjacent county in order to be approved.

A commissary will only be approved once a member of the health department staff conducts an commissary assessment to verify that it can meet the needs of the mobile food establishment.

Can I use a commissary located outside of Davis County?

Yes. The commissary may be located in Weber County or Salt Lake County; however, the health department with jurisdiction over the commissary must approve the commissary for use before the agreement can be submitted to the Davis County Health Department.

Do I have to use my commissary to dispose of my waste and fill my water tanks?

Facilities not permitted as food establishments, such as RV dumps, can be approved for the disposal of liquid and solid waste, the refilling of water tanks, and connection to electrical power. A [Service Agreement](#) must be submitted and approved by the health department if these services will be provided by a facility other than the commissary.

How often do I have to report to my commissary?

The frequency will be determined and approved at time of application, but mobile food establishments should report to their commissary at least daily when operating. The commissary is required to maintain records that document the arrival and departure of the mobile food establishment each time they utilize the commissary.

Does the health department have a list of approved commissaries?

The health department does not maintain a list of approved commissaries. However, any food service establishment permitted by the health department may act as a commissary as long as they are able to provide the necessary services for that particular mobile food establishment. Most commissaries are not able to accommodate more than one or two mobile food establishments so it is up to each the owner of each mobile food operation to find a location that works for their needs.

What are the fees associated with mobile food establishments?

The fees depend on the type of mobile food establishment, the risk category, and for food trucks, whether they conduct the majority of their business in Davis County. All mobile food operating permits, except for Secondary Food Truck Permits, expire on December 31st of the year they are issued. Secondary Food Truck Permits expire on the expiration date listed on their Primary Food Truck Permit.

Type of Permit	Risk Category	Permit Fee	Plan Review Fee
Primary Food Truck	Risk 1	\$200.00	\$70.00
Primary Food Truck	Risk 2	\$350.00	\$70.00
Secondary Food Truck	Risks 1 & 2	\$100.00	Not Applicable
Food Cart	Risk 1	\$170.00	\$70.00
Food Cart	Risk 2	\$255.00	\$70.00

What other resources are available?

Entity	Resource or Reference
Davis County Board of Health	Food Service Sanitation Regulation http://www.co.davis.ut.us/docs/librariesprovider5/administration-documents/board-of-health-regulations/food-service-2016-final.pdf?sfvrsn=6
Utah Code	Food Truck Licensing and Regulation Act https://le.utah.gov/xcode/Title11/Chapter56/11-56-S101.html